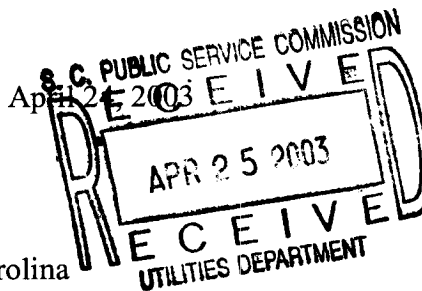


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Re: Docket No. 97-239-C: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate
Universal Service Fund

Dear Gary:

I am writing on behalf of ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc. ("ALLTEL") to request an additional 30-day extension of time in which to file tariffs associated with the Universal Service Fund. By Order issued April 2, 2003 the Commission granted ALLTEL's previous request for a 30-day extension until May 1, 2003. Subsequently, the Commission granted numerous parties an extension of time until June 1, 2003 to make such filings.

As you are aware the Commission issued its Order addressing the request for additional universal service funds by the six incumbent local exchange carriers only last week. ALLTEL would like to review that Order closely prior to deciding whether and how to make filings in this docket. ALLTEL does not believe granting this extension will impair the proceedings in this docket in light of the fact that the Commission has already granted various parties an extension of time until June 1, 2003 to make the necessary filings.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,


Robert Coble

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing letter to The Honorable Gary E. Walsh, dated April 24, 2003, requesting a 30-day extension of time to file tariffs and accompanying cost data, regarding Docket No. 97-239-C: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Univesal Service Fund, has been served upon the following counsel of record by placing the same in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following as shown below this 24th day of April, 2003.

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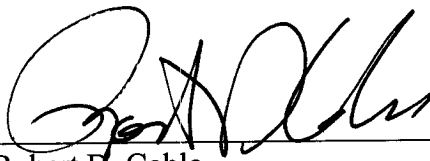
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Coble", is positioned above a horizontal line.

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